

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that foregoing amendments be entered prior to examination of the present application.

Correction of Small Entity Status

The assignee of the present application is a small entity, and applicants hereby assert small entity status. Applicants mistakenly paid the full filing fees on November 25, 2003. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28, applicants request a refund of one half of the previously paid filing fees. Please credit the overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No.19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant(s) hereby petition for any needed extension of time.